

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to Applicants' attorney during the interview held December 17, 2001, in the above-identified application. During the interview, Applicants' attorney discussed the Advisory Action with the Examiner with a goal of submitting an additional amendment that meets the Examiner's requirements and clarifies all outstanding matters.

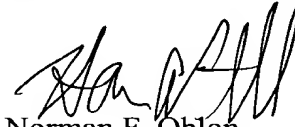
It is respectfully submitted that the above amendment is consistent with the above discussion.

Should any further amendments be necessary, the Examiner is requested to telephonically contact the undersigned so that mutually agreeable language may be arrived at.

All of the presently pending claims in this application are now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to Issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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